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Christmas 1942

Forget Christmas this year?

With a world at war and millions of our fellow Americans away from their homes and fighting in that war, the answer is even more surely than ever, no!

This, our second wartime Christmas, should be even more significant than that which followed Pearl Harbor. For Christmas is an ideal, a faith, a prophecy of peace and good will.

A great American who was our President during another world war once defined this ideal, this faith, this prophecy as "the principle of justice to all people and nationalities and their right to live on equal terms of liberty and safety with one another, whether they be strong or weak. Unless this principle be made its foundation no part of the structure of international justice can stand."

Here, on this Christmas, we reaffirm those words.

No time now for cynicism. No time for grumbling about disillusionments — for bitter resentments. No time any longer to grieve over old failures, to blame old mistakes.

This fight for self-preservation imposed upon our peaceful nation by forces of violence and conquest is not complete loss. Once again we have the chance to insure our safety by opposing tyranny and injustice wherever they may be.

To that fight for self-preservation Christmas gives meaning. It declares again our eternal ideal, our faith, our Christmas prophecy.

This Christmas of 1942 is our "time for greatness."

FRED HILL, Principal

Complete High School Victory Corps Program

Object Is to Prepare Students for More Effective War Service

An exposition on the High School Victory Corps was prepared by Miss Josephine Frisbie, freshman girls' counselor, who represents Central High on the committee to prepare leaflets of information, membership cards, and records. Other committee members include representatives from the three other Omaha high schools: chairman, John F. Showalter, Technical; Watson S. Coleman, South; and Gladys Line, Benson.

The Victory Corps will go into effect February 1, but students should be planning ahead as this system may alter many programs next semester.

The student committee of the Victory Corps elected by the Student Council to assist counselors is composed of Seniors Joan McCague and Bernard Wolfson; Juniors Adeline Coad and Joanne Patton; Sophomore Martha Redfield. These pupils devote the first hour of each day to this committee.

The article follows:

VICTORY CORPS in the

OMAHA PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

The High School Victory Corps is a national, voluntary organization designed to motivate high school students toward more effective preparation in wartime services. Although the Victory Corps is a group organization, its primary emphasis is on individual service.

The plan was developed by a committee of educators and representatives of the army and the navy under the guidance of Dr. John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education.

The plan was developed largely because of requests which came to Doctor Studebaker from school districts over the country asking that some central organization be formed in order to protect the schools against the increasing number of conflicting and overlapping war organizations.

The Victory Corps does not conflict in any way with existing agencies now carrying on war service programs. Many of these, such as Junior Red Cross, will serve as natural channels which will help the student to satisfy his membership requirements.

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Central Eliminated In Debate Tourney

Two Central teams debating in the Missouri Valley Girls' tournament held at Creighton university December 3 and 4, defeated team from South, North, Lincoln, Benson, and Tech and were then both eliminated in the sixth round by teams from Benson and North.

The B team composed of Rosemary Eastlack and Joan Crossman, although inexperienced, defeated South, North, and Tech but lost to Benson teams.

Because rules regarding the Missouri Valley tournaments were changed, Central teams debated at a great disadvantage. The tournament, unlike other years, was a tournament of teams, and because of the shortage of girl debaters Central was able to enter only two teams in comparison with the large numbers entered by the other schools. The question discussed was post-war problems.

Organize Discussions Of Post-War Problems

A League of Nations class, under the tutelage of Miss Elsie Fisher, has been organized to discuss post-war world organization. Pupils in this class are Janet Street, Beverly Ulman, and Helen Gearhart.

The class reads from various pamphlets and books sent for by Miss Fisher. Although there are no specific assignments, these students prepare themselves to discuss the problems of the world.

In March they will take a national League of Nations test for which there is a grand prize of \$1,000.

June Seniors Elect Schack, Wilson, Bower, McCague

Barbara Whitlock, Bob Edwards Chosen Sergeants at Arms

By Anna Marie Jakeman

Receiving a majority of the votes cast in the final election Tuesday Colin Schack became president of the June senior class. He defeated Ken Carlson by a slight majority in one of the closest elections held in several years.

Billie Wilson won a close decision over Norma Jeanne Michaeles for the vice presidency, with Josephine Bower receiving top votes for secretary. Other officers are Joan McCague, treasurer; Barbara Whitlock and Bob Edwards, sergeants at arms.



COLIN SCHACK

— Photo by Matsuo

Greenwich Villagers Arouse Art Interest

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the seventh in a series of articles detailing the history, background, and activities of the various clubs at Central.

The Greenwich Villager's art club, first established in 1923 by the senior art class, is organized for the purpose of promoting interest in art work. Membership is open to all students who take or have taken art.

The Villagers participate in various activities throughout the year. In former years the most important event of the year was the Christmas tea which featured an exhibition of pictures by eastern exhibitors. This year, however, all members are working on wall hangings for Red Cross hospitals. The project is being carried on in classes and after school.

Officers of Greenwich Villagers this year are as follows: president, Bill Wrasse; vice president, Shirley Hasler; secretary, Jeanne Rubinstein; treasurer, Shirley Sims; and reporter, Dottie Mayhall.

This spring members are planning a competitive exhibition for the senior artists in all art fields.

Choir Sings Christmas Carols at Assembly

A repeat Christmas convocation program, "Peace Will Come," presented to the student body in the auditorium this morning included selections by the choir and several solos.

The traditional "Silent Night" was beautifully sung by the choir. A novel flashlight sequence gave the rendition a unique effect. A highlight of the program was Ted Mallory's exceptional singing of "The Lord's Prayer," and Joan McCague, in her always grand manner, read the poem upon which the program was based. The choir, with a solo by Bob Wells presented "I Wonder Where I Wander," one of the most beautiful of all Christmas carols.

The program's outstanding number was "Rex Gloriae" with the voices coming from the balcony and David Majors playing the violin on the stage. All selections were accompanied by Mrs. Esther Richards at the organ.

Recent Poll Indicates Plans of Senior Girls

In a recent poll taken at a special homeroom, seniors girls indicated their plans for the future. Of the 260 senior girls at Central, 50 per cent intend to go to college. Business schools will claim 15 per cent; and nursing, especially important in war-time, will claim 14 per cent of the girls.

An unusual interest has been shown in the field of beauty culture, with four girls planning to enter this occupation. Of the remaining 20 per cent, 14 per cent will work immediately and six per cent have made no plans.

Club Conducts Stamp Survey

The results of the survey made Tuesday, December 8, under the supervision of the Lininger Travel club show that over 95 per cent of the student body at Central are either buying or receiving war stamps and bonds at the present time. The inquiry, under the direction of Miss Mary Parker, was conducted for the purpose of determining how many students are purchasing and where.

The information, contained on the slips which were handed out in homerooms Tuesday morning, indicated that an estimated 21 per cent buy exclusively at Central and about 13 per cent receive only a portion of their stamps at school. Of the remaining 72 per cent, eight per cent obtain their stamps through their parents, and 51 per cent through other means. Of the 963 slips turned in, 11 were incomplete.

In comparison with last year, the total sales have decreased and an additional \$700 is needed to reach the same total as last semester's. Since the survey, though, a decided change has taken place and sales have doubled. Many of the students who formerly received their stamps from the postoffice or department stores have begun to buy at school.

Odessie and Udoxie Goodwin, both sophomores, whose father has been in the navy for the past two years, each bought a twenty-five dollar bond recently. These two girls show the spirit which all Central students should follow.

Miss Parker, who was responsible for the poll, emphasized clearly that it is not important where stamps are bought but that they should be purchased regularly.

Central Girls to Help Collect Waste Fats

A waste fat drive has been organized under the direction of Miss Lucile Crapenchoff, home economics teacher, the proceeds to be given to the Central High Junior Red Cross chapter. Strained grease may be brought in any amount or type of container to Room 38.

Girls chosen to help collect the grease are Margaret Knappe, Betty Caldwell, Gloria Willy, Joan Lewis, Mitsi Weyerman, Reeda Magzamin, Patricia Morearty, and Margie Healey.

Honor Sylvia Katzman '39

Sylvia Katzman '39 was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity at the University of Nebraska last week. She was the only student from Omaha named for this honor. At Nebraska she is a member of Sigma Delta Tau sorority.

While at Central Sylvia had a perfect "A" record, and led her class of 398. She was also elected a member of National Honor society.

OCD Graduates 224 Messengers

Two hundred and twenty-four members of the messenger service corps, many of whom are Central students, were graduated Wednesday, December 9, at ceremonies in the Central High auditorium.

The first class to be graduated as a unit of the Office of Civilian Defense of Omaha, they received the oath from A. C. Nerness, chief of the messenger service, and were presented with identification cards and arm bands.

Roal Carlson, executive officer of the OCD, said that the Omaha goal for messengers has been set at 1,500. The messengers are divided into three groups: senior, an adult in charge of each unit; messenger, between 15 and 18 years old; and junior messenger, between 12 and 15.

The messengers are stationed at the police station, fire stations, control board, and all civilian defense posts to aid in speeding communications outside. All are given a course in first aid.

Police Chief J. J. Pszanowski, chief air raid warden Forrest Croxson, and Boy Scout executive Sam C. Reeves spoke at the graduation ceremonies. Pickard school messengers conducted a flag ceremony. Glenn Wilson, field executive of the Covered Wagon council, presided.

Let's Put Pennies Back in Circulation

Because of the shortage of pennies at the present time, the director of the United States mint has requested that students place all pennies that have accumulated in their households into use.

Superintendent Hobart M. Corning has suggested that students buy war stamps with the pennies they have saved. The contents of the penny—copper, zinc, and tin—constitute three vital war metals, and any effort to place idle pennies into circulation will be a contribution to the war effort.

Bring your pennies and buy stamps at school. You are not asked to give anything. You are asked to aid your country and yourself. Girls selling war stamps in the halls will gladly exchange your pennies for coins of larger denominations at any time.

New War Course for Girls

A course in aircraft prefabrication will be offered only to girls for the coming semester as announced by Principal Fred Hill in a special assembly for seniors last Monday. This course will be included in the regular curriculum in order to help meet the need for four hundred girls to take jobs on the assembly line at the Martin bomber plant at Fort Crook. The instructor will be a member of the bomber plant staff.

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Magnificent Mac


 JOAN MCCAGUE
 — Photo by Matsuo

of '43. (Busy little bee.)

She wants to be an actress with a loving husband who will have her slippers and pipe waiting for her after every performance. He must also be 5' 11" with blue eyes and blonde hair. In his soul must burn the desire to be a golf pro. Such a creature may seem a little obscure but from all reports there is such a thing. . . .

Bette Davis is her favorite actress, but the rest of her ideals are found in Central's own hall of fame. Nellie Butera and Ted Mallory are her favorite singers and Don Slama '40 her favorite actor. Poe is the outstanding author according to Joan. Her pet characters in fiction are Peter Pan and Wonder Women.

"Central is wonderful. Mainly because of all the activities that are offered, but also because of the swell plays produced." The only thing wrong is that "HE" doesn't go here.

The war is ghastly and terrible, but besides being her pet peeve, she can't think of any way to express herself. It's too big. Teachers that gage you by the brainwork of a former, more brilliant, relation also annoy her.

Next year she wants to go to a technical school and take a course in radio. But she's ready to become a WAAC or a woman welder anytime. Among her more violent passions are learning to bowl or ski, and above all to master the art of golf.

She is a veteran of the C.H.S. stage. Her portrayal of Nana in this year's fall play was applauded by all. Before that she had leads in the fall plays of the last two years and a small part in the Road Show. Strangely enough her genius seems to run to representing elderly women, and since most forthcoming actresses cling to glamour, this trait is welcome and different.

Makeup in its various forms and substances fascinate her. She has studied the technique and has done her own make up in several plays. Quite a job, especially for character parts.

Her advice to freshmen is "Keep on smiling" and from where we sit it looks like Joan, on her way up, has practiced what she preaches.

— Mal 'n' Billie

From Us to You

Mary Christmas was at a party. It was a swell party. Everybody was making sandwiches. Couldn't say anything else . . . it wouldn't get printed. Speaking of sandwiches, Charlotte Sommer is still looking for the hoarder who de-beefed her three roast beef sandwiches. While the culprit nyah'd, Char gnawed dry bread. Boy, did he have crust—'cuse please, she had the crusts, he had the roast beef!

Eeeee—is he? Were you disappointed? Or, do you know now if your special draft-dodger is a man or a mouse? If he's a mouse, you saw "Somewhere I'll Find You"; if he's a man, you saw the Spook Show; if he was broke . . . ah, well writin' rumblings is great sport . . . if you like sports!

Rquest to Register readers, freshmen, naturally! You've seen them! We've all seen them! Don't laugh at 'em; just walk behind them and hum in a singsongy fashion:

There was a young girl who wore slacks
To all may this be a reminder;
The poor girl was stricken aghast
When she looked in the mirror behind her.

RWhat d'ya know, can't think of any more words beginning with R— so much for R.

Ya, ha, ha . . . ho, ho, ho . . . Brandels window . . . no! no! NO! That was Santa Claus. Ye, ye yeeee . . . he, he heeee . . . That was Mrs. Santa Claus. Ylilililil, that was us. 'Nuff said.

Xcuses, excuses, all the time. So they don't want to let the seniors out of here. The poor kids, us, were so worried about the English 'n' arithmetic tests for seniors . . . eighth grade level . . . that we spent all last week-end with our eighth grade teachers . . . no cracks. Well, see you all next year, and we don't mean after Christmas vacation.

Maybe we're wrong. But when one bag smells another bag all the way home on the bus, must be time to take up a donation and buy the poor girl a hamburger. First bag was a prominent junior . . . can't tell her name, or we couldn't call her a bag . . . second bag was an empty Harkert's sack which she brought to school, just for the smell of it!

Attitude, attitude, she didn't like his attitude. Or, to quote him, "I was struck by the beauty of her hand. I tried to kiss her. As I say, I was struck by the beauty of her hand."

SUCCESS at last! Anna Lane has a customer. Customer, Cuss for short, during a telephone conversation to Mrs. Savidge, inquired earnestly, "Should I be aggressive, or wait till he calls?" After gazing at some of the aggressive specimens in the Register office, Mrs. S. suggested that she wait. We just smiled, cuz we knew, "He who waits, waits . . . just like we'll all be waiting for our New Year's dates (ha, ha) at the street car line. We hereby extend Season's Greetings . . . line forms to the left.

Victory Corps

Local Limitations

On November 10, 1942, the Omaha Board of Education approved the organization of the Victory Corps in the Omaha high schools with the following limitations:

1. That there be no uniforming of students except for the arm chevron which students will earn by service.
2. That there be no requirement of military training or drill.
3. That there be no marching or mass activities of the Victory Corps.
4. That there be no salute.
5. That a student be permitted to wear only one insignia at a time.
6. That the right to wear an insignia will be based upon requirements of service and the right to continue to wear it will depend upon that service continuing.
7. That as soon as the war needs are over the Victory Corps will be disbanded.

HOBART M. CORNING,

Superintendent of Schools

Qualifications for General Membership

A high school student is eligible for general membership in the Victory Corps if he is

1. Enrolled in school courses appropriate to his age, grade, and probable immediate and future usefulness to the nation's war effort.
2. Participating in at least one important continuing war-time service such as USO, Red Cross, scale model airplane building, farm aid, other part-time employment to meet manpower shortages, school-home-community services, etc.
3. Participating in a physical fitness program. A candidate for general membership is considered to be participating in a physical fitness program if he meets one of the following requirements:
 - (a) He must be enrolled in a class in physical education.
 - (b) He must be enrolled in military training.
 - (c) He must be enrolled in a class of home nursing, first aid, nutrition or health education.
 - (d) He must be participating in athletics.
 - (e) He must be working under school direction or with school approval in physical activity contributing to increase of strength and physical stamina and to improvement of general health and physical well-being.

Service Divisions of the Victory Corps

Students who have satisfied the requirements for general membership in the Victory Corps may (during their last year or two schooling) be accepted into special service divisions: air, land, sea, production and community services.

In qualifying for membership in one of these divisions, the student should understand that he is making some preparation for, but is neither applying for nor meeting the requirements for admission to the army, navy, or air services.

Air Service Division

For membership in the Air Service Division, looking toward service in the armed forces as an aviation cadet or as an aircraft repair and maintenance worker, the student should meet these requirements:

1. He must be participating in a physical fitness program. (Requirements for specialized membership for girls shall be the same as the requirements for general membership. Requirements for specialized membership for boys shall be (a), (b) and (d) only, as enumerated under general membership.)
2. He must qualify with at least two of the following:
 - (a) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes one year of high school physics and three years of mathematics.
 - (b) He must have pursued or be pursuing a course in pre-flight aeronautics.
 - (c) He must have pursued or be pursuing a course in automotive mechanics, radio, electricity, or a vocational shop course which gives preliminary preparation for the servicing, maintenance or repair of aircraft.

Land Service Division

Membership in the Land Service Division is planned for those whose interests and training lead to preparation for military service in some branch of the ground forces of the army.

For membership in this division the student must meet these requirements:

1. He must be participating in a physical fitness program. (See Air Service requirement.)
2. He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes at least one year of high school mathematics, or its equivalent in shop mathematics.
3. He must qualify with at least one of the following:
 - (a) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes at least one year of high school laboratory science.

Maddening Melodies

Isn't That Just Like Love . . . Jane McCumsey
I Won't Dance, Can't Make Me . . . Jim Monroe
Sweet Is the Word for You . . . Donna Deffenbaugh
I Feel So Good . . . Colin Schack
Snootie Little Cutie . . . Barbara Hindman
Li'l Boy Love . . . Sandy Crawford
The Lady in Red . . . Mrs. Turpin
Well, Shut Mah Mouth . . . Jack Chesnut
I Poured My Heart Into a Song . . . Nellie Butera
Love Me or Leave Me . . . Roll Otis

We Wanna Know:

Question: What would you like to find in your Christmas stocking?

Lenore Simon, H. R. 149: First I'll have to find a stocking.

Jeannette Turitz, H. R. 211: Besides a man?

George Nielson, H. R. 237: Any ole thing left over from Earl Carroll's.

Betty Burns, H. R. 127: No holes.

The seniors: An O-Book.

Bev Merriam, H. R. 237: A jeep with a soldier in it.

Phil Holman, H. R. 127: Hitler and Hirohito—dead and wrapped in War Bonds.

Jeannette Matcha, H. R. 339: Santa Claus.

Sandy Porter, H. R. 212: My diploma.

(b) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes one or more special pre-induction courses.

(c) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes one or more shop courses.

Sea Service Division

The Sea Service Division is planned for those whose interests point to service in the Navy or Merchant Marine (other than naval aviation).

For membership in this division the student must meet these requirements:

1. He must be participating in a physical fitness program. (See Air Service requirement.)
2. He must have pursued or be pursuing a course in high school mathematics, preferably through plane trigonometry.
3. He must qualify under one of the following:
 - (a) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes at least one year of laboratory science, preferably elementary physics.
 - (b) He must have pursued or be pursuing a course in the elements of navigation.
 - (c) He must have pursued or be pursuing one or more shop courses.

I, _____ Name _____ Grade _____
hereby make application for membership in _____ Victory Corps.

Date _____ Name of School _____ Approved _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Production Service Division

Members of the Production Service Division should be planning and have begun preliminary preparation for service in war industry, agriculture, or other essential civilian productive occupations, as distinguished from service occupations.

For membership in this division the student must meet these requirements:

1. He must be participating in a physical fitness program. (See Air Service requirement.)
2. He must qualify under at least two of the following:
 - (a) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes courses which are definitely pointed to preparation for work in the field of agriculture, or technical institutions of higher education.
 - (b) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes courses which are definitely pointed to preparation for work in the field of trades and industry.
 - (c) He must be engaging in part-time work, either paid or voluntary, in some form of production.

Community Service Division

Members of the Community Service Division should be planning and have begun preliminary preparation for work in community or other service occupations, such as teaching, social work, medicine, nursing, dentistry, librarianship, or other professional services; stenography, typing, bookkeeping, sales or other distributive or commercial service; homemaking, child care, home nursing, nutrition or similar service.

For membership in this division the student must meet these requirements:

1. He must be participating in a physical fitness program. (See Air Service requirement.)
2. He must qualify under two of the following:
 - (a) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes courses definitely pointed to preparation for occupations at the professional level. This includes preparation for college.
 - (b) He must have pursued or be pursuing a program which includes courses definitely pointed toward preparation for commercial, distributive, home-making, or similar community service occupations to be entered upon leaving high school.
 - (c) He must be engaging in part-time work, either paid or voluntary, in some form of community service.

Insignia

General membership in the Victory Corps entitles the student to wear the large, red "V," which is the official insignia of the organization.

Members of the special division of the Victory Corps are entitled to wear the special insignia of their division.

'Naughty Marietta'

An enthusiastic audience acclaimed the revival of Victor Herbert's gay and colorful comic opera "Naughty Marietta" a remarkable success when presented by the a cappella choir, December 10, 11, 12.

Marietta is the cause of all the complications and troubles of the story. Concealing herself from a nobleman, she poses as the son of a marionette theatre owner. The fiery maiden meets handsome Captain Dick who saves her from Etienne, son of the Lieutenant Governor of New Orleans and who is exposed later as the notorious pirate, Bra Pique.

Diminutive Nellie Butera gave her usual splendid performance in the title role of Marietta. Her sparkling rendition of the "Italian Street Song" highlighted the opus. The military tempo of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" sung by the golden tenor voice of Bob Wells seemed to make our hearts beat faster.

Billie Wilson, as the man-chasing Lizette and Warren Vickery, who portrayed Silas Slick, walked away with honors as one of the finest comedy teams we have ever seen.

Corrine Wohlner, who played the exotic Adah, sang the beautiful ballad "Neath the Southern Moon" in her unusually fine mezzo-soprano voice. Patton Campbell was outstanding as Rudolfo, the keeper of the puppets. Joe Moore, Bob Delaplane, and Sherman Lower carried out their roles with the ease and sincerity of veterans. The flower girls were pretty and colorful, and the choir was never in better voice.

The stage crew's very realistic and beautiful scenes played a major part in making the opera such a grand success. Especially noteworthy was the ballroom scene. Mrs. Elsie Howe Swanson and her able assistants, Frank Rice, Miss Frances McChesney, Mrs. Mary Kern, Mrs. Irene Jensen and Mrs. Esther Richards deserve recognition for the success of the operetta.

The senior orchestra under the capable direction of Mr. Warren Watters should be commended for their excellent accompaniment.

— By Mel Linsman

And Snow Fell

Snow sifted through the evening air as I walked home. "A white Christmas," I thought and brushed away a snow flake from my eye. Christmas. How many of those jostling holiday shoppers whom I had bumped into that afternoon were thinking of the one to whom this season is dedicated, how many of mailing cards, giving teas, and eating turkey? Ironical that we, like many others throughout the past twenty centuries, will be celebrating the birth of a man whose teachings we have found it so convenient to shove aside.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself," He said. Greeks, their corpses bloated with hunger, being tossed into ditches for burial; Englishmen running to shelter as the "jerries" drop their bombs; Chinese building another Burma road with their bare hands—all this will doubtlessly be happening on Christmas eve, 1942. Yes, we'll gather around the piano to sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men," and then the next day rejoice to read of Jap ships sunk, of Germans killed in Russia.

This will be a grim Christmas. Victory does seem nearer, but in its wake there remain to haunt us the ghosts of millions, the knowledge that property has been needlessly destroyed and resources wasted. On this December 25 we must face the facts: every one of us, Americans included, has had a part in starting the ball of destruction rolling. Responsibility for the war doesn't rest on Hitler's small shoulders alone.

"Christians in name only," is the verdict we must accept, bitter as it may seem. If the Allies win the war, we won't be put on trial for this or any other personal offense. Instead, we will have the opportunity to realize Christ's 2000-year-old promise of "a heaven on earth." This promise has not been abrogated; it still stands in the hope that a world so advanced in war can succeed in peace.

The snow was falling steadily all over the world.

Glamourpuss Gab

Dear Lana,

Got your last letter and from the heavy silence in certain groups after the last Register was registered, I guess I wasn't the only one. Well, you can't please everyone I guess.

Dave and Tal think they rate a plug so we might as well mention the Christmas Prom tonight at the Chermot with Lloyd Hunter . . . or should we? Speaking of the Prom, we gotta be thinking about a queen. Considering all . . . and I do mean beauty, brains and who-I-wish-would-get-it wouldn't Jane McFayden be a sharp selection?

The Age of Miracles isn't past (even though chivalry is). Nebraska Clothing has Herzberg, O'B, Dave, Monroe, and Charles Holmquist (who thought up his nick name anyway?) all working on the same floor. Five powerhouse salesmen all striving for success. Isn't youth amazing?

The opera was a huge success. Orchids to Nellie, Bob and the super cast. It was really swell . . . Yee-o-ow!!!! Here comes Livingston! Hand me my ear plugs. . . . Sometimes I wonder if Ed knows a neck from an axe-handle. Tish! Tish! . . . I think it's the cutest thing the way Hasse has Phillie trained to follow her around without a leash. . . . Saw Monroe ringing a back door bell on a certain street. Isn't that the servant's entrance, Jimmie?

Plug of the week goes to Fred Hawkins, the one and only true blue sophomore lad. Would there were more. . . . Saw the Oil Czar (and I am referring to Ahmanson) riding on the bus today. And his great grandpaw fought in the Revolution too. Red-blooded Americans! That's what we need. . . . The editors of ye paper have named this "Be-Kind-to-Con" week, so being an obedient soul, I'm not saying a word.

Wouldn't it be WONDERFUL:

IF Farber would shut up?

IF Neal would get a hair cut?

IF Amy Jo weren't so conceited?

IF Payne could be satisfied with her own man?

IF there was a Santa Claus?

The craziest, funniest, bestest, and the mostest man around is Bob Muffitt. Whatta guy! And can he dance!!!! I dedicate to Patsie McManus "There've Been Some Changes Made" . . . and I like it better!

Today (with vacation tomorrow) I'm in love with the world. I want to say something nice about everybody . . . but why should I be the first one? Ank! ank! (hag laugh).

Merry Christmas to all,

And to some . . . our special New Year greeting,

SMACK!!!!

Love, Hedy.

P.S.—In all seriousness . . . congratulations to Herzberg on the way he passed his mental tests. That's REALLY swell!

Seniors' Parents to Decide Question of 1943 O-Book

Main Problems Are Whether Annual Is Necessary And Costs Are Justified in War-Time America

The question of having a 1943 O-Book was presented to the senior class by Principal Fred Hill at a meeting last Friday, December 11, in the auditorium. A questionnaire was given to students for their parents to sign in order to determine whether the pupils' time and money should be invested in a project which has no connection with the war.

Because of a shortage of materials and because our energies and finances were needed in the war effort, an announcement was made last September that, in all probability, there would be no annual. Since that time there has been so much agitation by the students that the matter has been reconsidered.

An investigation shows that the cost of the necessary materials is no greater than that of former years; paper is still abundant and engraving costs are no higher than usual. The articles needed in cuts may be used over and over again, and, therefore, there will be no difficulty in securing them. The only increase in price will be that of pictures.

Although there does not seem to be a scarcity of materials, the war

needs are still as vital as ever. The final decision, however, rests with the parents of seniors who are asked to consider the budget and to judge for themselves if an O-Book is necessary.

O-BOOK BUDGET

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Choir Gives Program At Fontenelle Hotel

Central's cappella choir was enthusiastically received by members of the Omaha Lions club, Tuesday afternoon at the Fontenelle hotel.

Their musical program, entitled "Peace Will Come," was directed by Mrs. Elsie Swanson and was narrated by Joan McCague. The singing of "Rex Glorae," accompanied by David Majors on the violin, was an outstanding climax.

The audience rose to their feet in a rousing ovation, and were satisfied only after the choir had sung excerpts from the opera.

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Time Publishes Letter From Miss J. Frisbie

Time magazine has published a letter this week from Miss Josephine Frisbie, English teacher at Central, in comment on a previous article about John A. Rice, author of the new book, "I Came out of the Eighteenth Century," and former history teacher at the University of Nebraska.

Miss Frisbie was one of Mr. Rice's students at the University and received much personal encouragement from him. Her letter revealed some fine characteristics about the author that the article failed to disclose.

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Wandering Russian Receives Aid from Commercial Teacher

Perhaps if we had no teacher at Central such as Miss Angeline Tauchen, an old man might still be unable to find the information he sought. This old gentleman, name unknown, was seen wandering around the halls of the "dungeon" apparently looking for something. Neither the Student Control girls, or Miss Elizabeth Kiewit could discover what the man was trying to explain, for he spoke in a language foreign to them all.

Miss Kiewit, remembering that Miss Tauchen spoke a Slavic tongue, sent for her. Czechoslovakian, which Miss Tauchen can both read and write, did not seem to be his spoken language, but a few words in Czech proved to be similar to his language, Russian. Miss Tauchen recognized it as such, for she has attended many Russian plays.

Finally, it developed that our visitor was seeking a place to study for his citizenship papers. With a few kind words and general directions, the old man was sent to the proper authorities.

A love of languages is a Tauchen trait, for Miss Tauchen's father is a master of six different tongues. Although his daughter speaks only Czech fluently, she is still intensely interested in foreign languages.

Centralite Elected to Honorary Fraternity

Conrad Young '39 is one of 15 Dartmouth college seniors honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa. To receive this honor, a senior must maintain a scholastic average of 3.25 or better throughout each semester. Conrad is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity; while at Central he was a major in the ROTC.

Four Clubs Plan Holiday Activities

PLAYERS

Central High Players held their annual Christmas party Wednesday, December 16. Entertainment in the form of a play, "The Reading of a Christmas Story," was presented in Room 145. The aunt, played by Donna Defenbaugh, read the story to her niece and nephews, Janelda Kious '46, Bill Newey '45, and Steve Plank '45. Then Santa Claus, played by Jim Borghoff came in and presented the children and the audience with gifts. Refreshments consisting of chocolate covered bismarks and malts were served in Room 140.

LININGER TRAVEL

Why does everyone want to be on student control outside Room 145? A huge, colorfully decorated Christmas tree is the big attraction. The Lininger Travel club, in order to give Central more Christmas spirit, has planned this project for the second year. Barbara Byrne, club president, was in charge of decorations.

COLLEENS

The annual Christmas tea was given by the Colleens last Monday. Before the tea Shirley Karlan entertained the girls with a violin solo. Barbara Whitlock accompanied the Colleens as they sang Christmas carols. Dottie Cowger and Shirley Sims served.

LATIN CLUB

At the December meeting of the Latin club held Tuesday night in Room 145, \$3.20 was collected for the World-Herald Goodfellows Christmas fund. A play, "His First Dress Suit," was presented by the expression department under the direction of Dorothy Goldner.

Boys at War



Four Melcher Brothers Serve

Four brothers, all graduates of Central, are now playing important parts in the service of the United States.

Captain Willis Melcher '28 is in the medical corps in the Panama Canal zone. Captain John Melcher '32 was last reported to be in the first tank group, London, England, and is now believed to be in Africa under General Eisenhower. His parents recognized him in a news reel of the invasion of Africa. Captain Richard Melcher '33 is in the 134th infantry at Los Angeles, California, and First Lt. Philip Melcher '36 is in Battery A of the 71st coast artillery anti-aircraft unit at Washington, D. C.

Another brother, Bob Melcher '42, is expecting to be called into service soon.

Transfers, Assignments



Seaman Frank H. Blecha '40 transferred from the Great Lakes naval training school to Boston, Massachusetts, where he will be a yeoman. He was active in athletics while at Central.

Lieutenant Harlan Milder '35 is stationed in Australia as a military censor. Before being sent overseas Lieutenant Milder was a drillmaster at one of our southern forts.

Lieutenant Meyer Crandell '37, who recently graduated from quartermaster officer candidate school at Fort Warren, Wyoming, is now stationed at Normoyle Automotive Ordnance base at San Antonio, Texas. While at Central he was active on the debate team, and a member of the Register staff.

Leaves

Reported missing several months ago, First Lt. Clark Kuppinger '37 returned home on a 15 day leave this week hoping to find some sunshine.

In the Aleutians, where Kuppinger is an officer with the field artillery, the weather is so bad the boys call it "horizontal"—none of it is up or down, it's all across.

"I suppose we see the sun about 15 days a year," he said. "It rains all the time, and it's foggy and windy."

Kuppinger said he did not know how the report got around that he was missing.

Craig Christiansen '39 was recently home on ten days' leave after graduating with a second class petty officer rating from the coast guard machinist mate school at Groton, Connecticut. His was the first class to graduate from this new training school.

Commissions

Hird Stryker Jr. '36 was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the air corp administrative branch at Miami Beach, Florida, and assigned to Tampa, Florida.

SPELLDOWN WINNERS

In a spelldown conducted in Miss May Mahoney's Spanish classes last Friday the following students had answered all questions put to them by the end of the period.

Third Hour: Peter Isacson, Bill Hamlin, and Miriam Weinstein.

Fifth Hour: Harry Leffler, George Hopkins, Jim Moore, Irvin Gendler, Elaine Kramer, Betty Blissard, Patricia Hopkins, and Barbara Dunn.

Eighth Hour: Nathalie Mason.

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